

# Habitat of Rockland County

## Welcome Spring!

April 2021

### HELLO FROM HABITAT'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SCOTT VANDERHOEF

I am very honored to have been selected as the new executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Rockland, Inc. For many years I served in both the public and private sectors, and have enjoyed being involved with numerous wonderful non-profits during that time. So I am naturally delighted to join Habitat. It is unique and has been an important part of efforts to provide a safe, secure and healthy home for working families who qualify in Rockland County. It is not a handout but a helping hand to allow families to improve their living conditions. In the largest sense it is dedicated to community revitalization along with promoting the betterment of struggling families. It also can help with those who qualify and need a helping hand with small household



improvements, in some cases helping to keep seniors aging in place. Habitat is driven by giving volunteers. I am proud to join the many who have in the past and continue to give their time and energy to this terrific not-for-profit. Come join the movement at [HabitatRockland.com](http://HabitatRockland.com).

We look forward to your help.

Scott



### RAISING THE ROOF!

BY SCOTT VANDERHOEF

It is my great pleasure to announce that all through May we are **Raising the Roof** with a month long fundraising initiative to help Habitat Rockland carry out our mission of community revitalization and building affordable housing for families in desperate need of a safe, clean and livable home. We will be holding a super virtual fundraiser which will be available on YouTube and Facebook for all to enjoy. We will be engaging our Rockland community with information about our local Habitat and enjoying special raffles, and fun events while spreading the word about the mission and work of Habitat of Rockland. The virtual event for **Raise the Roof** will feature music and tributes to special folks in our community. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

## Come Build With Us!

Beginning this summer Team Builds will begin again!

Come join us at our current home build in the Village of Hillburn!

Visit our webpage at  
[www.HabitatRockland.org](http://www.HabitatRockland.org)  
for more information about our Team Builds  
and learn how to sign up!





## IT'S SPRING! TIME FOR SOME HOME PROJECTS!

As April and May warm us up, it's a great time to start planning on projects to spruce up our home after the harsh winter months. Here are some quick ideas and maintenance reminders for a fun spring wake-up!

- Refresh your deck or porch with a quick coat of stain or paint.
- A/C tune up. Don't wait for that first sticky night to find out you're a/c isn't working properly.
- Gutter/roof maintenance. .
- Window washing...interior and exterior.
- Build a fire pit that your family and friends can enjoy all year long.
- Awaken your garden with some spring time flowers and fresh mulch.

And, it's not just about outside projects; there are plenty of quick inside projects that will brighten up your home.

- **Unclutter your home!** Donate unwanted electronics, housewares, and gently used clothing and shoes to charity. Getting rid of these unwanted items will make your home feel lighter, larger, and more comfortable.
- **Refresh a room for spring with a new coat of paint.** As you search for the perfect color, remember that paint often dries darker or brighter than the swatches. Sample on a small area of a wall first to ensure you love the color.
- **Carpet deep cleaning.** Spring is a great time to give those rugs a deep cleaning and open up the windows to let the fresh air of spring help dry them quickly!

“When you lift  
up one home in  
a community,  
you lift up all  
homes.”

# NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

by Donna Cain

Neighborhood Revitalization expands Habitat's traditional partnership with new homeowners and volunteers to include neighbors and partnering with local organizations for a far greater impact in the community we serve.

While home construction of affordable housing continues to play a vital role, a bigger toolbox that includes repairs and other services allows Habitat to serve more families in our community.

This program offers a service that helps low income homeowners who can not afford necessary upkeep to preserve their home and remain living with pride and dignity. Homeowners are selected based on income, need, and ability to repay the cost of materials used.



Our Neighborhood Revitalization Programs are *A Brush with Kindness* and *Critical Care*. A Brush with Kindness focuses on minor exterior repairs such as painting, fence repair, gardening. While our Critical Care program focuses on urgent, necessary repairs such as wheel chair accessibility and code violations.

